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1. About the end of May 1949 the "28 Nendera" (28 November) Shock Construction Group of the Albanian Ministry of Defense, along with Albanian sappers and 14 youth brigades totalling 978 men, began construction on the Permet-Lurasi (Luaras?) strategic road connecting Korce with Vlone. "28 Nendera" Group, which was officially commended by Enver Hoxha for its part in the building of the Peqin-Durres railway, is commanded by Semen Frolov, a Soviet engineer captain.
2. On completion of the Permet-Lurasi road the "28 Nendera" Group will begin work (in the summer of 1950) on the Tepelene-Ballsh highway.
3. Other road construction schemes include the Shtepan-Goraj road which, when completed, will link up the Kucove oil fields directly with Elbasan and the Elbasan-Peqin-Durres railway. Work on this road was started in March 1949 by eight youth brigades.
4. All the above works are under the control of the State Communications Commission attached to the Council of Ministers, of which the real Chairman is Lieutenant Colonel Semen Nikolaevich Sviridov; members are Captains S. Frolov and Pastushkin, Lieutenant Paskievich (all Soviets) and Major Otekar Hobbner (Czechoslovak).

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